

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 3733
PATENT**

Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 09955.0047-00000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
)	
Frédéric FORTIN et al.)	Group Art Unit: 3733
)	
Application No.: 10/505,469)	Examiner: Woodall, Nicholas W.
)	
Filed: August 20, 2004)	
)	
For: FLEXIBLE VERTEBRAL LINKING DEVICE)	Confirmation No.: 4004
)	

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed October 7, 2008, and pursuant to
37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.